Le Cirque de Karakuri

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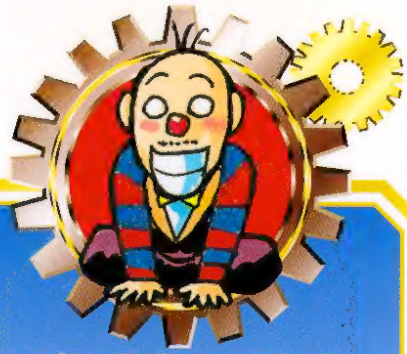

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BAM BAM DUM DUM.
Our fun times have passed by too quickly, and our glamorous encounters have come to an early end.
The curtains must fall eventually, so let's take the opportunity to make the grand finale of Karakuri Circus as spectacular as we can!
My hopes are that tonight's show will be on everyone's mind for some time to come.
This is the 43rd and final volume of Karakuri Circus, which thankfully didn't turn into a comedy series.
Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls,
I'd like to thank all of you for keeping up with us for so long.
Well then, please keep watching until the very end!

CLANG キィン
CLANG キィン

...A LONG BATTLE WAS UNFOLDING IN THE RUSSIAN SKY.

250 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM THE HUMANS' MAIN DESTINATION, THE BODNY COSMODROME...

DEUS EX MACHINA — ACT 83 — PAST AND TRADITION

WOOSH

SANGRE Y FUEGO!

GRIM REAPER!

SLASHH

BZZ

BZZZ

BZZ

BZZ

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

UGH!

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I SWEAR UPON THE NAME OF KING ARAGON OF THE 12TH CENTURY AND HIS SEVEN TITLES THAT NO ONE CAN STAND ABOVE MY SWORD OF JUSTICE, SPAVENTA!

MY NAME IS CAPITAN GRAZIANO! I COME FROM A TRADITIONAL AND HONORABLE LINEAGE OF PRESTIGIOUS MILITARY SOLDIERS, OF WHICH MANY HAVE ENROLLED IN THE WELL-KNOWN CRUSADES.

KNOW YOUR PLACE, YOU RASCAL! YOU CAUSED MUCH TROUBLE FOR OUR KIND, BUT IN THE END YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME!!

MASTER, HE'S COMING THIS WAY!!

SWIP

EVEN NOW I REMEMBER HOW I BRAVELY DEFEATED TEN THOUSANDS OF SHIROGANE IN THE FINAL MOVE CAMPAIGN OF '82!

DAMN IT.

THUD

SCREECH

攻殻機動隊

MASTER, THIS GUY IS FULL OF BULLSHIT! THERE'S NO WAY HE WAS AROUND THAT FAR BACK!!

ROCKENFIELD WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST PUPPETEERS, BUT EVEN HE WAS POWERLESS BEFORE MY SWORD.

SMACK

GRIPPON-KUN!

GYAH!

SILENCE!

MASARU, BEHOLD THE LETHAL MOVE OF MY ANCESTORS!

I TIRE OF THIS BATTLE. IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO PERISH.

HOW DARE YOU!

AH!

DEFEAT!

FRACASSO!

MASTER!!

CRASH

AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU CAME TO FACE ME WITHOUT SHEDDING ANY TEARS.

VERY WELL! I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND HUMAN CHILDREN TO BE POWERLESS CRYBABIES, BUT YOU'RE A RARE EXCEPTION.

...YOU'RE LUCKY THAT YOU DIDN'T DIE INSTANTLY, MASARU.

CRY AND PROSTRATE YOURSELF BEFORE MY FEET, AND I'LL CONSIDER SPARING YOUR LIFE!!

GO AHEAD AND CRY!

AHAHAHA

MAS-TER...

I-IS THIS IT?

SOMEONE AS COURAGEOUS AS ME DOES NOT FEEL THINGS LIKE FEAR OR PAIN, BUT A FRAIL BEING SUCH AS YOU MUST BE OVERWHELMED WITH THOSE FEELINGS RIGHT NOW.

STEP

SO MANY TIMES... IN SO MANY PLACES...

CRY... YOU SAY?

HA HA HA

I... HAVE ALREADY CRIED TOO MUCH...

UGH...

PULL

LEARNING ABOUT THE PAST MADE ME CRY...

THE WORLD RIGHT NOW... MADE ME CRY WITH SORROW...

BECAUSE CRYING... WON'T SAVE ANYONE...

NARUMI-NIICHAAN!

I... WON'T CRY ANY-MORE...

BUT...

HMPH, SO YOU WANT TO KEEP FIGHTING?

YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN WIN SIMPLY BY NOT CRYING?

...WHAT I'M SAYING IS, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO CRY...

CRIK

CRIK

IT'S THE TIME TO SMILE.

SWOOSH

WHAT?!

MAS-TER!!

FSHH

THEN TAKE THAT SMILE TO YOUR GRAVE!

WOOSH

FWOOSH

ARE YOU FLEEING, YOU COWARD?!!

...IS A-SIGN OF STRENGTH, ISN'T IT?

SMILING...

ONII-CHAN... NARUMI-NIICHAN...

...TO YOURSELF AND TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU.

BECAUSE IT GIVES KINDNESS AND COURAGE...

I'M GOING TO BECOME STRONG.

I'M GOING TO BECOME LIKE NARUMI-NIICHAN.

YEAH.

MASARU, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, USE YOUR HEART TO THINK IT THROUGH.

ABOUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IN THAT MOMENT...

...NEED TO BECOME JUST AS STRONG AS HIM!!

I...

WOOSHH

HALT!

TO SAVE EVERY-ONE...

PULL

CLICK

MAS-
TER...
WHAT
ARE YOU
PLAN-
NING?

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CLANG

URR
GHH!

MASTER!

IN CASE YOU'RE SEPARATED FROM ME, YOU'LL FALL TO YOUR DEATH!

WOOSH!

Y-YOU FOOL, YOU CANNOT FLY ON YOUR OWN!!

VSHHH

I SEE, YOU'RE PREPARED TO DIE. THEN, BEFORE YOU DIE, I SHALL TELL YOU ABOUT HOW I BRAVELY FOUGHT THE BRITISH FORCES ON THE HUNDRED YEAR WAR IN FRANCE. DURING THAT TIME, MY SWORD SPAVENTA...

AH... WHAT?

SHUT UP, CAPITAN- WHATEVER.

I HATE THE PAST.

I HATE THE SORROW THAT IT BRINGS!

WHO CARES... ABOUT THE PAST...?

CLASH

CLASH

IF WE WANT TO LIVE FOR TODAY, WE CAN'T LET THE THREADS OF THE PAST CONTROL US!

CLASH

OH, THAT'S RIGHT... YOU'VE DOWN- LOADED YOUR GRANDFATHERS' MARTIAL ARTS SKILLS...

B-BRAT... WHERE IS ALL THIS POWER COMING FROM...?

...ARE THE THREADS OF THE PAST THAT STEAL AWAY THEIR DESIRE TO FIND HAPPI- NESS!

WHAT TIES DOWN THE PEOPLE FROM THE PRESENT...

THE TRADITION WHICH I SPEAK OF IS SUCH A MAGNIFIC THING! YOU CAN EVEN USE IT TO SING HIGH PRAISES OF YOURSELF!!

VOOSH

YOU'RE FIGHTING ME WITH THE POWER OF TRADITION, INHERITED FROM THE HUMANS OF THE PAST!

SO YOU SAY YOU HATE THE PAST? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

SANGRE Y FUEGO!!

BABBLE ABOUT THAT ALL YOU WANT AFTER YOU PERISH!

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

NO! IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT SIMPLE!

FOR US HUMANS, TRADITION IS AN ATTITUDE FROM THE HEART!!

IT COMES FROM OUR HEARTS' DESIRE TO TURN THE SORROWFUL PAST INTO A BETTER FUTURE!!

WHA... YOU BROKE MY SWORD SPAVENTA?!

CLANG

ALRIGHT MASARU. LET'S USE THIS TECHNIQUE NEXT.

GRAND-PA...

MIURA STYLE, TEMPO SLICING BLADE "MATSUKAZE."

LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!

Y-YOU ATTACHED YOUR FEET UNDER MY BELT?!!

MIURA STYLE, KILLING BLADE OF THOUSANDS OF WINDS...

HOW DARE, YOU INSOLENT! AS A NOBLE CAPITAN WITH PROUD LINEAGE TRACING BACK TO THE KINGS OF ARAGON...

I HAVE SLAYED OVER TEN MILLION OOOPS, DEFEATED OR TEN MILLION ARMIES, MY COUNT OF IS OVER .....

TH... OVE... GREAT... DEATH... SHIROGANE 100 MILLION...

KOROBI.

I'LL FORGET ABOUT IT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

THAT TRADITION OF YOURS?

CAPI-TAN...

BAM

CLENCH

...UH.

MAS-
TER!

DON'T
DIE ON
ME!!

HUH?

YEAH...
I WAS READY
TO DIE IN
THERE.

MASTER!!
THAT
WAS
BEYOND
RECK-
LESS!!

OUCH...

THAT
GUY...

...WAS
EXTREMELY
STRONG...

WOOSHH

バオオ

GEEZ, MASTER!

WOOSH!

THE BODNY COSMODROME WILL SOON COME INTO VIEW.

WOOSH

オオオ

THEN MAYBE... THE SHUT-TLE DIDN'T MAKE IT...

BUT THE REMAINS OF THAT PASSENGER CAR WE JUST SAW MUST MEAN THAT THE TRAIN HAS BEEN ATTACKED.

AH, LOOK!

BUT...

BUT GRIPPON-KUN, WE DIDN'T SEE THE LOCO-MOTIVE OR THE SHUTTLE... IT'S FINE.

HEY... LONG-LEGGED CLOWN EXPRESS.

YOU REALLY GAVE IT YOUR ALL... UNTIL THE VERY END.

HM?

HOUAN-SAN!

THANKS.

THE SHUTTLE?

YOU TOO, HOUAN-SAN! WHERE'S THE SHUTTLE?!

M-MASARU, IT'S YOU! YOU'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE!!

VOOSHH

HUHUH, LOOK RIGHT THERE.

DON'T TELL ME THAT IT'S BEEN DESTROYED?

WE DID IT, MASARU.